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AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR PRELIMINARY IDEAS ON A POSSIBLE
AGENDA FOR THE MAY 25-26 ROUND IN BRUSSELS OF THE SEMI-
ANNUAL US/EC CONSULTATIONS. IN CONVEYING THESE SUGGESTIONS
TO THE COMMISSION, THE MISSION SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THEY
REPRESENT OUR TENTATIVE THINKING AND THAT WE LOOK FORWARD
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TO THE EC'S VIEWS. WHILE WE BELIEVE THE FORMAT AND SCOPE
OF PAST MEETINGS HAVE PROMOTED SERIOUS, EFFECTIVE DISCUS-
SION, WE ARE OPEN TO NEW WAYS OF STRUCTURING THE TALKS AND/
OR EXPANDING THEM INTO NEW AREAS.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE MAJOR POLICY
AREAS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE COMMISSION WOULD INCLUDE:

-- GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION. WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EUROPE AND THE US; TAKE A JOINT LOOK AT PROSPECTS FOR CONCERTED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY ACTION ON GROWTH AND RELATED PROBLEM FRONTS; AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE UPCOMING BONN SUMMIT AND OTHER MEETINGS (E.G., THE OECD MINISTERIAL, JULY EUROPEAN COUNCIL)

LEADING UP TO IT.

-- MTN AND TRADE ISSUES. WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW WHERE WE STAND ON MTN ISSUES -- WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ANY SPECIAL PROBLEM AREAS -- AS WELL AS FOCUSING ON THOSE TRADE ISSUES (E.G., US/EC/JAPAN, STEEL) REQUIRING HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE A TRADE WORKING GROUP, AS IN THE PAST, IF THE COMMISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL.

-- NUCLEAR ISSUES AND ENERGY. WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY AND DISCUSS US/EC NUCLEAR ISSUES; EXCHANGE ASSESSMENTS OF OUR RESPECTIVE ENERGY PROGRAMS; AND LOOK AT THE GENERAL ENERGY SITUATION, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT. A WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY ISSUES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

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-- NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS. WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW THE STATE OF PLAY ON MAJOR NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS, AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE PLANS FOR THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE LOME CONVENTION.

-- POLITICAL ISSUES. WE WOULD AGAIN LOOK FORWARD TO A RESTRICTED DISCUSSION OF MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES (E.G., CYPRUS, AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, EAST/WEST, ETC.).

3. REGARDING THE FORMAT FOR THE TALKS, WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR CHANGES TO SUGGEST TO THE USUAL DAY AND A HALF PROGRAM. (FYI: AS MISSION IS AWARE, WE ARE PLANNING TO START THE WESTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COUNSELORS MEETING AFTERNOON OF MAY 26, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONSULTATIONS.)

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION AND COMMISSION REACTION TO THESE PRELIMINARY SUGGESTIONS. VANCE

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